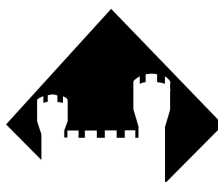


Study Abroad



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY™

MEMO

To: Faculty Directors, Chairs, Deans

From: Office of Study Abroad

Date: April 15, 2007

Re: Tuition Recovery

Every year we lose between 25-40 students because of faculty-led program cancellations due to low enrollments. We also lose programs in understudied areas of the world because of difficulty recruiting students.

In Fall 2006 and Spring 2007, the IPAC Study Abroad Subcommittee (SAS) held several working meetings to discuss these and other problems, and identify possible solutions. IPAC SAS first established the following priorities for study abroad programming:

- Coursework that meets the needs of EIU students
- Rigorous expectations of student study and work
- Total estimated cost remaining realistic/affordable
- Cultural integration as a central part of the experience
- Geographic niche, in nontraditional locations of the world

IPAC SAS then decided that all IPAC-approved study abroad programs (especially those that line up with its priorities) must be viewed as important and supported as much as feasibly possible. Consequently, IPAC SAS decided to shift slightly away from the entrepreneurial model to one that better supports EIU's priorities, faculty directors, and students.

From this point forward, faculty-led programs will be approved, packaged, and supported in a "portfolio" fashion. This involves a procedural change in the way in which tuition recovery is allocated for faculty-led study abroad programming. It used to be that any excess tuition above and beyond full salaries for the faculty directors was returned to the departments. Now, any excess tuition, above and beyond full salaries for the faculty directors will be pooled to minimally support faculty salaries of other programs (overload rate which is currently \$1000/cu), if a reasonable number of students enroll in these programs and the number of students is high enough to cover programmatic costs.

On rare occasions, Continuing Education may also use tuition recovery money to support a faculty director's airfare and trip expenses; generally speaking, this will only occur when a program is going to a non-traditional location where in fact student participation rates are low across the nation. In line with the Lincoln Fellowship guidelines, this extra support is how EIU/IPAC will encourage study in nontraditional areas of the world.

Any tuition money that is left from the pool, after these priorities have been met, will be returned to the departments, and should be used for study abroad purposes.